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Susan Wojcicki CEO YouTube 901 Cherry Ave San Bruno, CA 94066

Ms. Wojcicki:

Energy and Commerce Republicans are leading in Congress to hold Big Tech accountable through our "Big Tech Accountability Platform." We are deeply concerned with Big Tech's censorship, including censorship of conservatives and anyone who disagrees with liberal ideology. Free speech is fundamental to our country. It should be cherished and defended, not undermined. We are also troubled by the harm Big Tech is causing to children. To that end, we are interested in any documents and related information regarding any internal research or study YouTube has conducted on the effect its product has on children's mental health. Accordingly, please respond to the following requests no later than November 8, 2021:

- 1. Please produce complete copies of the following:
 - a. Any internal research or study YouTube has conducted on the effect YouTube's products have on children's mental health.
 - b. Any internal research or study YouTube has conducted on the effect YouTube's products have on children's mental health for ages under 13.
 - c. Any internal research or study YouTube has conducted on the effect YouTube's products have on children's mental health for ages 13 to 18.
 - d. Any internal research or study YouTube has conducted on the effect YouTube's products have on user's mental health for ages 18 and older.

- e. Any internal research or study YouTube has conducted on the effect YouTube's products have on the health and well-being of children, including risks of child exploitation and trafficking.
- f. Any internal communications, including memorandums, emails, or other internal communications among YouTube employees, including outside contractors (e.g., content moderators) related to the effect of YouTube's products on children's mental health for ages under 13.
- g. Any internal communications, including memorandums, emails, or other internal communications among YouTube employees, including outside contractors (e.g., content moderators) related to the effect of YouTube's products on children's mental health for ages under 13 to 18.
- h. Any internal communications, including memorandums, emails, or other internal communications among YouTube employees, including outside contractors (e.g., content moderators) related to the effect of YouTube's products on user's mental health for ages 18 and older.
- 2. Please identify any outside entity YouTube has contracted with, is in the process of contracting with, or has plans to contract with to conduct research or produce studies on the effect YouTube's products have on user's mental health for each age range delineated above.
- 3. Please produce complete copies of any research or study conducted by outside entities on behalf of YouTube regarding the effect of YouTube's products on user's mental health for each age range delineated above.
- 4. Please provide any research or study YouTube has conducted on the impact competitors' products have on children's mental health for ages 13 and under.
- 5. Please provide any research or studies YouTube has conducted on the impact competitors' products have on children's mental health for ages 13 to 18.

If you have any questions, please contact Bijan (BJ) Koohmaraie, Tim Kurth, and Kate O'Connor at (202) 225-3641. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Thank you,

Cathy McMorris Rodgers

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